

REMARKS

The Abstract was objected to because it was over 150 words. An amended abstract is presented herewith.

Claims 1-27 were pending in the current application. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 3, 9 and 16-20, and the Examiner's indication that claims 6, 8 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. With this amendment, Applicant:

- cancels claims 1, 5 and 10;
- amends claim 2 to include the limitation of claim 10, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable; and
- amends claim 6 to be in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable.

Claims 4, 11-15 and 21-27 are dependent on amended base claim 2, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable.

Claims 7 and 8 are dependent on amended base claim 6, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable.

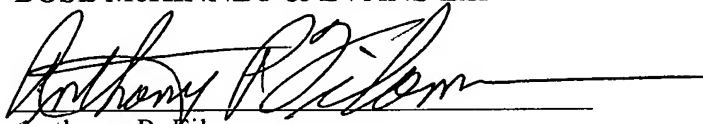
Thus, with this amendment claims 2-4, 6-9 and 11-20 are pending in the present Application. These claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully requested.

In the event that there are any questions related to this amendment or to the application in general, the undersigned would appreciate the opportunity to address those questions directly in a telephone interview to expedite the prosecution of this application.

If necessary, Applicant requests that this Amendment be considered a request for an extension of time appropriate for the response to be timely filed. Please charge any fees due, or credit any overpayment, to Bose McKinney & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223.

Respectfully submitted,

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